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Relocating Salmon farms in the Marlborough Sounds.

Manako Paea

I work at NZKS for around 5-6 years. I think we should move the farms to the new fast flow sites to improve our fish health and quality. If we leave the farms where they are we will get bad quality fish and will probably have to close them down if we can't keep the waste on the seabed down. If we have no fish we have no job. It will improve our water quality and the environment. More fish more jobs for everyone.

MANAKO PAEA
Manako
21/02/07

Written Comments No: 0278

Subject	Salmon farm re-location
From	
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Tuesday, 21 March 2017 12:53 p.m.

Hi,

In regards to the potential Salmon farm re-location in the Marlborough Sounds I would like to make the following submission. I am willing to make my submission in person if required.

I am a 38 year old married father of 2 living in Blenheim. Originally from Scotland I have made New Zealand my home & have lived here for 10 years. Salmon farming is my career & without NZ King Salmon myself & my family would not live in NZ.

I believe that the re-location of the farms represents the best route to maintain

a
thriving
salmon farming
industry
in Marlborough.

If the relocation is approved

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resource consent

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granted along sensible terms there is an excellent opportunity to secure significant employment & investment for Marlborough. This will shore up Marlborough as the most diverse primary industry region in NZ. The increased revenue from the change of farming locations will also assist in achieving the government targets of increasing the revenue from primary industry.

Salmon has been farmed in the Marlborough Sounds for
over
20

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ears. In this time the environmental impacts have been closely monitored. Therefore
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the assessments made on the potential environmental impacts can be taken with certainty. Without doubt Salmon farming has an environmental impact. Without doubt that impact has been managed sensibly
over the 20 plus years

. Without doubt the overall impact on the environment will be improved by changing the farming locations.

I personally feel the biggest environmental impact of

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salmon farming is above rather than below the water. A significant amount of my role is limiting this impact by keeping the sites tidy, reducing noise
, passively reducing bird presence

&
installing infrastructure in dark colors to reduce the visual impact of the farms. I also spend time working with our neighbors to address any issues & offer any assistance that we can to them by use of vessels, divers etc. In summary we want to be good neighbors to the other residents of the Marlborough Sounds.

The Region I work in has 22 direct employees over the 3 farms. There is also a significant number of employees who work indirectly on the farms. We employ a wide range of people. The youngest employee I have is 20 & the oldest is 66. I have staff who left school at 16 to graduates from various universities across NZ. We offer our staff excellent pay &

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conditions. We provide formal training opportunities & also career advancement opportunities. When discussing the package offered to NZ King Salmon staff with other employers in Marlborough they are impressed by the benefits we receive.


Regarding the potential mid Channel site in the Pelorus, I believe this represents an opportunity to make the consented area the most lucrative square meters in NZ. The concerns around navigation I feel are unfounded due to the size of the pi

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of water where the farm is located. Ferries operate routinely in the Tory Channel & have no navigation issues which is a significantly narrower & busier stretch of water.

In summary, I believe the proposed site swap presents an excellent economic & environmental opportunity for Marlborough. This will assist myself & my family in making our home in NZ.

Many thanks,
Charlie.

Charlie Park
NZ King Salmon
Tory Channel Regional Manager


Written Comment No: 0342

Subject	Submission
From	Charles Park
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Monday, 27 March 2017 1:09 p.m.
Attachments	<<17_03_23_Submission.pdf>>

Hi,

Please see attached submission on behalf of my wife.

Many thanks,

Charlie.

Charlie Park, Tory Channel Regional Manager.



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To whom it may concern,

I would like to make a submission on the proposed salmon farm re-location in the Marlborough Sounds. I am Bronwyn Park, I work as an emergency nurse in the Wairau Emergency Department in Blenheim & I have 2 children aged 7 & 4. My husband works for NZ King Salmon (NZKS) & has done so for 10 years. My husband's employment with NZKS is critical to our family living in NZ. If my husband was not employed by NZKS we would have to move overseas.

NZKS has been a good employer for my husband. He has had promotion opportunities during his 10 years with the company. He has had the opportunity to travel overseas & learn from other countries so he can do his job better. These opportunities have been made available to others within the company. The pay & benefits received are fair & in many cases better than others business provides their employees.

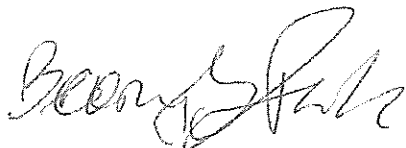
I have met many of the people that my husband works with. They are all good people & also a diverse group. I feel that this is good as it provides opportunities to the whole population.

My husband often talks about his job & I am well aware of the efforts NZKS takes to look after their fish, the Marlborough Sounds & the people who also use the area. From what I can understand NZKS do acknowledge there is an impact from Salmon farming but this is closely monitored & every step made to limit the impact on the environment. I certainly know these issues form a large part of my husband's job.

I meet many local people professionally & socially. Everyone I speak to is interested in the publicised issues involved in the site swap process. When the issues are discussed the vast majority are in favour of the swapping process as they see the benefits that the change would bring to the region.

Many thanks for the opportunity to have my thoughts on the issue presented.

Bronwyn Park,



22/03/17.

Written Comment No: 0428

Subject	Proposed Salmon Farm Relocation.
From	<u>Henry Parkes</u>
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Monday, 27 March 2017 11:07 a.m.

Salmon Farm Relocation
Ministry for Primary Industries
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To: The Salmon Relocation Advisory Panel.

Submission from:
George Henry Parkes,
Engineering Team Leader,
The New Zealand King Salmon Company Ltd.

Monday 27th March 2017

Dear Members of The Panel,

I would like to express my support for the potential salmon farm relocation process, which is currently being proposed by MPI.

It has been explained to me that relocation of the farms from lower water flow sites to higher water flow sites, will improve the health of the salmon, and have less detrimental effect on the seabed - which in turn will have positive environmental and economic benefits.

Adopting the Best Management Practice guidelines that were agreed by the Council and community is the future of aquaculture globally, and New Zealand needs to keep pace with this trend.


There will be an opportunity to increase production, with more direct and indirect jobs created if this proposal goes ahead, resulting in economic improvements for New Zealand as a whole, and especially for the communities in the top of the South Island.

Moving farms away from the areas that have more holiday homes and tourist activity, to more remote locations, will improve social amenities in the region – and this is another very positive aspect of the proposal!

I do not require the opportunity to be heard by the Advisory Panel.

Yours faithfully,

G H Parkes



Relocation of Salmon Farms in Marlborough Sounds

My Name is Millie Paton and I have worked for King salmon for nearly 10 years. I support moving the farms to the new sites because I care environment and moving the farms will help to keep the water quality in the sounds healthier for everyone. Our salmon will be happy and healthy; we can grow more and will be better quality. It will also provide more jobs for the community.

Millie Paton



Millie Paton 22/2/17

Potential relocation of salmon farms in the Marlborough Sounds.

Paul Patterson

I have worked at NZKS for 10 years. My wife worked at NZKS for 16 years and this job has enabled us to bring up four children and to buy our home. Without expansion in Industry Nelson /Marlborough will suffer. We need sustainable industry to support the people. We are not going to be able to rely on the ocean to supply the world's population from natural fisheries. We will need to rely on sustainable aquaculture to help feed the world. This is where it starts, by choosing best sustainable sites. I support the proposal for those very reasons.

It takes the farms from recreational populated areas and takes them to less populated areas with high water flow. This is better for the quality of the water and the seabed and much better for the environment. Its obvious by our other farms that fish flourish in this environment and we can see this in the quality of the salmon that comes from certain high flow farms. Happy fish, better quality, happier workers.

We will be able to produce more fish, higher quality and yields, more sales and more happy customers create more jobs for Nelson/Marlborough.

Paul Patterson

P.S. Patterson 16.02.17

Submission form for the Relocation of the NZ's Salmon
Farms.

Written Comment No: 0100

My Name is Paul Paurini

I am writing to show my support for the proposed change
in the Salmon farms.

This change will keep the environment cleaner & healthier.
Producing a better product for the NZ people & people
overseas who eat our product.

If this goes ahead it will provide me work for years
to come & help the Nelson Region with jobs & the
economy.

Paul Paurini
Paul Paurini
PP

Written Comments No: 0352

Subject	Salmon Farm Relocation
From	<u>Gus Pawson</u>
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Friday, 24 March 2017 7:31 a.m.
Attachments	<<Salmon Farm Relocation.docx>>

Hi,
Please find attached my letter to the Salmon Relocation Advisory Panel.
Kind Regards,
Gus Pawson

Written Comments No: 0352

Salmon Farm Relocation

Ministry for Primary Industries

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Port Nelson

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To: The Salmon Relocation Advisory Panel

Hi, my name is Gus Pawson and I'm currently working for New Zealand King Salmon at its Tentburn hatchery. My job covers most tasks needed in the day to day running of the farm, including cleaning raceways, putting feed out, and the grading and transporting of fish. This is my first full time job since graduating university and King Salmon has offered me an opening into a field that can be difficult to enter.

I support the potential salmon relocation process being proposed by MPI because I believe the movement of farms to sites of higher flow will benefit not only the company, in terms of fish health, but also improve environmental conditions and satisfy those in the surrounding community.

I believe the movement to higher flow sites would improve fish performance and the overall health of the salmon. The higher flow would introduce more oxygenated water and prevent stagnation of water which may allow for temperature increases that can promote disease and its transmission. Higher flows would also help to prevent the seabed below the farms reaching levels of pollution that may not allow for recovery in future years. The adoption of the Best Management Practice guidelines that were agreed by the council and community is the best way to ensure negative environmental effects are mitigated and is the future for our industry.

If the proposal were to go ahead it would create more direct and indirect jobs, benefiting not only those involved but resulting in economic improvements for communities at the top of the South Island.

The relocation process would also lessen opposition from bach owners whose scenic views are affected by current sea farm locations. This movement of farms would likely improve this tension as fewer baches would be within direct sight of proposed sites.

I would not like to be heard at the hearings panel.

Name: Gus Pawson

Email:

Date: 22/03/2017

Phone:

Written Comment No: 0546

Subject	Farm Relocation
From	Harvest Team
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Monday, 27 March 2017 3:45 p.m.

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To: The Salmon Relocation Advisory Panel

My name is Sam Pearson and i work for NZKS on the harvest team.

I support the potential salmon relocation process being proposed by MPI because I believe the salmon farm relocation will provide for better environmental, social and economic outcomes.

I understand that by relocating farms from lower water flow sites to higher water flows sites fish performance will improve and therefore the health of the salmon. It will also have a lower level of effect on the seabed which will have positive environmental benefits.

Environmentally adopting the Best Management Practice guidelines that were agreed by the Council and community is the future of aquaculture globally.

There will be more direct and indirect jobs created if this proposal goes ahead resulting in economic improvements for the communities in the top of the south.

Moving some farms away from baches to more remote locations will improve social amenities which is also a good thing.

I **would not** like the opportunity to be heard by the Advisory Panel.

Written Comment No: 0518

Subject	Submission on Potential Relocation of Salmon Farms In the Marlborough Sounds
From	<u>Pelorus Mail Boat Ltd</u>
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Sunday, 26 March 2017 10:38 p.m.
Attachments	<<Salmon Farm Submission 2017.docx>>

Dear Sirs,

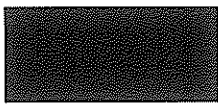
Please find attached my written objection to the Submission on Potential Relocation of Salmon Farms In the Marlborough Sounds.

I also object to the use of Section 360A of the Resource Management Act to change the Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plan.

I would like to speak to my written submission at a public hearing.

Jim Baillie

Pelorus Mail Boat Ltd.



Havelock 7100

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Pelorus Mail Boat Ltd.

Havelock 7100

Marlborough

30 March 2017

Salmon Farm Relocation
Ministry for Primary Industries
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Port Nelson 7042

Dear Sirs,

Submission on Potential Relocation of Salmon Farms In the Marlborough Sounds

I would like to speak to my written comments at a public hearing.

First of all, I must state that I am disappointed that this long saga has been brought up again. NZ King Salmon fought to get the sites they have and we have had to accept that. They should accept what they have and manage it according to the conditions imposed and within the feed limits. They have failed to do this and penalties should be imposed for their failure – overstocking and overfeeding.

Main Points

1. There is no democratic process taking place. The decision is being taken by one person who is not qualified enough to consider all the long term effects of this change.
2. As can be seen in the Aquaculture Magazine Issue 76 March/April 2017 (Attached)– Tasmania's Macquarrie Harbour has serious environmental impact issues with the seabed being completely "dead" caused by the accumulation of organic matter and seriously low oxygen levels, and have been issued an urgent "destocking" directive.
NZ King Salmon have continued to exceed their consent conditions and the same organic matter as above is rapidly accumulating under their Salmon farms at an alarming rate.
3. An OECD report states that New Zealand's environment is under increasing stress due to an economy reliant on primary industries, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) says. It appeared to be resulting in environmental trade-offs, which put the country's "green" reputation at risk, it said. Salmon Farming in the Pelorus Sound is ruining the marine environment and destroying the country's green reputation.
4. Moving the sites to "slightly higher flow areas" will spread the pollution and organic matter to a larger area killing a larger part of the seabed. As seen by the tidal flow studies done for the EPA process; this will NOT "Flush" the organic matter it will just spread it further.
5. NZ King Salmon have polluted a number of locations and have shown total disregard for the conditions of their approvals and have continually over stocked and overfed the salmon increasing the pollution to that area. Any other business that did not comply with their conditions of approval would be immediately shut down.

6. As the main tour operator in the Pelorus Sound and one who is investing over \$1m “locally” building a new tour boat and employing new crew and staff, the negative impact on New Zealand’s brand “100% Pure NZ”, Marlborough’s brand “Brilliant Every Day” and our own brand is significant. The visual impact is significant, the ability to promote the clean green 100% Pure New Zealand Brand disappears and the widely known environmental impact of Salmon farming will be on the world stage in a negative fashion turning the tourists off New Zealand and the Marlborough Sounds.
7. Due consideration has not been given to the effect on tourism in the Pelorus Sound – I note that this was a consideration in the Queen Charlotte Sound but ignored in the Pelorus Sound. I received one 5 minute phone call from a Dave Bamford of MPI bringing the suggestion that this was being considered but there were no details and he stated that he was on our side. No other communication or discussion has taken place with us. This is unacceptable. We have worked tirelessly to promote the area and have doubled the number of tourists to the Pelorus Sound bringing huge benefit to Havelock and the area. The feedback from the tourists is that they are looking for the quieter and more remote areas and they chose the Pelorus Sound over Queen Charlotte Sound for this reason.
8. Due consideration to the effect on the various wildlife and marine mammals that visit the area has not been given. Orca and Bottle Nose Dolphins are regular visitors all year round and Dusky Dolphins and Common Dolphins are resident from late spring right thorough winter to late autumn. Hector’s Dolphins also visit the area. It has been stated in the MPI report that Hector’s dolphins are not present – that is incorrect and I have photos to prove it.
9. Due consideration of the impact on a heritage site with the Proposed site 3 is right in front of the WWII Post Office Point Gun emplacement. This heritage site will be visited by Pelorus Mail Boat on their Heritage and History Cruises and Mail Runs bringing international and domestic visitors to the area. The new vessel was designed specifically with this tour in mind with a front boarding ramp to access the beach and walk to this special location at Post Office Point on Pohuenui Island.
10. Proposed site 3 is a navigation hazard, especially for sailing yachts.
11. Proposed sites 1, 2 & 3 are all too close to the nesting, feeding and breeding grounds of the very rare, protected and endangered King Shag, with an estimated population of less than 650.
12. Proposed sites 1 & 2 are adjacent to a proposed predator free nature reserve.
13. During the installation of Site D unlit buoys were in place for weeks and an uncoiled 30metre rope was left floating and drifting on the surface until I reported it to the harbour master.
14. During high winds site E lost feed bags, and various materials which then became marine hazards throughout the area. A feed bag wrapped around a propeller during high winds and heavy seas would be disastrous for us and our operation. This is an unacceptable safety hazard.
15. The high death rate at the Salmon Farms causes a putrid stench in the area. This is unacceptable for our tourist operation and for residents living in the area. The reason for the deaths given by King Salmon is high water temperature – moving the sites will not change the water temperature and with water temperature expected to rise in the coming years, this will continue.

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Let's be honest, the main driving force is to maximise shareholder's profits. There are lots of locations that NZ King Salmon can put Salmon farms but this option is the cheapest. NZKS are not a socially or environmentally responsible company. Majority owned by the Tiong family they have systematically destroyed enormous swathes of precious Malaysian, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Brazil and Vanuatu rain forests. The majority of the shareholdings and profits are held offshore – Liberia, Singapore, Hong Kong, China & the Cayman Islands and are therefore avoiding taxes. NZ king Salmon have used every possible means to circumvent the local population, residents and council all to increase their profits. They make promises that they can't and won't fulfil. They should be given no leeway to continue polluting the area and abusing their consents. The suggested processing plant in Picton or Havelock cannot happen due to lack of space and fresh water. The suggestion that a desalination plant will be built is pure rhetoric.

I hope due consideration is given to all my points above, that sense will prevail and environmental destruction like that in Tasmania is not allowed to happen here in this beautiful location.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Baillie

Managing Director
Pelorus Mail Boat Ltd.
Havelock, Marlborough



Written Comments No: 0302

Subject	Relocation of Salmon Farms
From	Ingrid Penfold
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Thursday, 23 March 2017 10:19 AM

Ingrid Penfold, NZ King Salmon, EA to CEO

I support the potential salmon relocation process being proposed by MPI because I believe the salmon farm relocation will provide for better environmental, social and economic outcomes.

I understand that by relocating farms from lower water flow sites to higher water flows sites fish performance will improve and therefore the health of the salmon. It will also have a lower level of effect on the seabed which will have positive environmental benefits.

Environmentally adopting the Best Management Practice guidelines that were agreed by the Council and community is the future of aquaculture globally.

There will be more direct and indirect jobs created if this proposal goes ahead resulting in economic improvements for the communities in the top of the south.

Moving some farms away from baches to more remote locations will improve social amenities which is also a good thing.

Ingrid Penfold

Ingrid Penfold, Executive Assistant to Grant Rosewarne
(On behalf of Meseret Olsen who is currently on maternity leave)

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Written Comments No: 0231

Subject	FW: mpi submission
From	[REDACTED]
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Thursday, 16 March 2017 3:57 p.m.
Attachments	<<mpi submission.docx>>

From: Bob Penington ([REDACTED])

Sent: Thursday, 16 March 2017 2:21 PM

To: 'aquaculture.submissions@mpi.govt.nz' <aquaculture.submissions@mpi.govt.nz>

Subject: mpi submission

Please find my submission on salmon farming relocation of sites.

Bob Penington

[REDACTED],

Blenheim 7201

Written Comments No: 0231

Ministry for Primary Industries

Private Bag 14

Port Nelson

Nelson

16th March 2017

Salmon Farm Relocation Submission

Marlborough Sounds

The Marlborough Sounds is a complex pattern of land and water formed by the drowning of an extensive valley system. The Sounds comprises two major inlets, the Queen Charlotte and Pelorus Sounds and the lesser inlets of Croiselles, Port Underwood and Kenepuru Sound together with numerous islands, the two largest being Durville situated at the north-west tip of the area and Arapawa located to the south east.

Prior to 1880 half the population of the Sounds was occupied in timber milling, gold or antimony mining. Extensive acquisition and settlement of the land for farming commenced in the late 1870's with the Sounds reaching its heyday for farming around 1920 when about 50% of the land area was used for sheep and cattle.

Changes in transportation the rapid expansion of roading in the Sounds in the 1950s,60s and 70's, the introduction of the roll on roll off Cook Strait ferry service in 1962 and greater leisure, mobility and affluence have resulted in the increased popularity of the Sounds for recreation.

The planning problem is the accommodation of the different land and water uses ensuring that natural, cultural, landscape and recreational values are enhanced and the welfare of the population provided for.

Marine Farming

Picton and Havelock are the gateways to the Queen Charlotte and Pelorus Sounds. The economic drivers for the two towns have historically been linked to the Marlborough Sounds although employment opportunities have been limited.

Experimental mussel farming commenced in the Sounds around 1968. Then between 1971 -1976 interest in mussels increased with 91 applications for marine licences received during that period. Aquaculture has been a hugely beneficial industry for Marlborough, the Sounds and of course towns such Rai Valley, Havelock, Picton and Blenheim. Whilst employment has been arguably the most important by product of aquaculture Marine Farming is also contributing to the social and cultural aspects of life in Marlborough. A good example the Marlborough Sounds in the 1970's was faced with falling school rolls and fewer teachers. Marine Farming reversed that trend with many associated with the aquaculture Industry choosing to live and work in the Sounds and schools not only in the Sounds but in Rai Valley, Havelock and Picton increasing their rolls and additional teacher numbers.

Best Management Practice

The concept of Best Management Practice for Salmon farming is a master stroke. The current regime of resource consents together with a myriad of consent conditions is cumbersome, incredibly difficult to manage and monitor and does nothing to encourage good management of farms.

NZ King Salmon are to be applauded for the way they have embraced the concept of best management practice. The current low flow sites have been identified as a hindrance to achieving good environmental and economic outcomes. It is important that the region embrace the industry and that the community, Central Government, Local Government and New Zealand King Salmon work together to provide the best environment for Salmon farming.

Fin Fish farming and at this point of time Salmon farming is here to stay. Salmon farming is not going to suddenly close and any efforts to improve the environmental effects of Salmon farming are to be encouraged. The current initiative falls neatly into the accommodation of the different land and water issues of the Sounds ensuring that natural, cultural, landscape and recreational values are conserved and enhanced and the welfare of the population provided for.

Summary

There has long been a term known as the 'Last in Syndrome' associated with the Marlborough Sounds. It portrays a belief that once a person has a property there he or she does not want any change that they have their own piece of paradise and they do not want to share it with anyone else.

Sadly, we have a tradition in Marlborough of seemingly attracting opposition to change even when the changes are for the good of the community with enhanced benefits.

Government have realised that the conflicting interests and views as to what should happen in the Sounds with fin fish farming will never be sorted by either Local Government, the Industry or the Community. They understand the considerable benefits of Salmon Farming to the Region and the Nation and the initiative being led by MPI to relocate farms from low flow sites to high flow sites is to be commended and supported.

R C Penington

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Blenheim 7201

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Written Comments No: 0032

Subject	King Salmon future farm locations
From	[REDACTED]
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Tuesday, 21 February 2017 3:08 p.m.

When planning locations for future aquaculture sites within the Marlborough sounds it is important to consider environmental, cultural and social effects. As i am currently employed through King Salmon as well as holding a bachelors degree in marine biology i feel i have a decent level of insight towards planning future salmon farm locations.

Currently i work on the Ngamahau salmon farm in the Tory channel. One of the main characteristics of this farm is it is subject in a very high tidal flow. As a result i believe the detrimental environmental impacts are vastly diminished relative to other farm sights i have worked on. A task i have often been allocated is to take a remotely operated vehicle to the sea floor below the farm to check for excess food or a damage to the benthic zone. in doing this i have been able to observe a healthy benthic zone with a decent population of scallops and flounder. I attribute this to the high flow rates which greatly disperse the negative discharge from the farm. When looking to future sites i feel it is of great importance to avoid still water sites in order to preserve the Marlborough sounds environment.

When looking at the cultural effects of future salmon farm locations, i am emotionally impartial and do not have any cultural ties to the sounds. Therefore i feel i am unqualified to an provide opinion on the issue.

As far as i can see, the social effects of increasing aquaculture within the sounds is mostly positive. King Salmon have provided a good source of employment with opportunities to advance a career within the aquaculture. I feel as company King Salmon have provided substantial economic benefits to the region and its citizens and will continue to do so going in the future. I feel this provides decent case for moving and expanding salmon farms to high flow sites within the Marlborough sounds.

Regards Zin Perrott

Written Comments No: 0534

Subject	Marlborough Salmon farm relocation submission
From	<u>domesticape Peters</u>
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Monday, 27 March 2017 4:19 p.m.

"We must plant the sea and herd its animals ... using the sea as farmers instead of hunters. That is what civilization is all about — farming replacing hunting." - Jacques Yves Cousteau.

Hi, my name is Ben Peters, my background is in commercial fishing, agriculture and aquaculture. I am currently employed by the New Zealand King Salmon Company as an Aquaculture technician and have close to 10 years experience in this industry and wish to register my support for the potential Salmon farm site relocation that has been proposed by the Ministry of primary industries.

I work in Aquaculture because it is something that I passionately believe in and wish to see the industry progress as it needs to if we as a species want to live in a manner that will support humanities current growth. The Ocean is where we originated and in my humble opinion it is where our future lays as our population becomes unsustainable by terrestrial farming and harvesting of the oceans alone.

This industry must be allowed to continue evolving in order to achieve new efficiencies, methods and practices that will benefit us all as a whole. It would be a great shame if a vocal minority were to rob us as a people of something that will be so beneficial to our future for generations to come, providing not only economic benefits but knowledge, knowledge to live in a sustainable manner working in conjunction with nature rather than simply harvesting it in a nomadic hunter/gatherer fashion.

This relocation proposal does not in any manner represent an increase in surface area or water space for finfish culture, it represents the desire for better stock welfare, production and increased efficiencies (both environmental and economic) which in turn will benefit not only the region or New Zealand, but Mankind.

It may only be a tiny step towards finding an equilibrium on this planet we call home, but it will be a tiny step in the right direction.

I'll finish with a quote that I think may be appropriate.

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving forwards" - Albert Einstein

Ben Peters

Written Comments No: 0031

Subject	Salmon Farm Relocation
From	[REDACTED]
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Tuesday, 21 February 2017 2:50 p.m.

I am writing to express my approval and hope that the New Zealand King Salmon application for site swaps goes ahead

As Someone who has worked in the maritime industry in many roles in Marlborough for the last 14 years for numerous different Company's and currently is a Seafarm employee for New Zealand King Salmon for the last 4 years, I can personally vouch that New Zealand King Salmon is a fantastic employer who cares about and invests in the growth of there staff and families, has a great sense of environmental responsibility and attitude and is one of few employers that is producing a unequalled **sustainable** protein product with a minuscule ecological footprint.

The proven benefits of this site swap economically, ecologically and culturally far out way the very few negatives and cancel out the many unfounded "scare mongering" concerns presented against this application.

I Hope you consider mine and others positive opinions on the site swap application and make the "smart" and "right" choice and approve New Zealand King Salmons application.

Many Thanks
Aaron Phillips

Relocation of Salmon Farms in the Marlborough Sounds

Sokhom Pich



I have worked at NZKS for 5 years. I support my children by working here. I support moving the farms to high flow water because we will have healthier fish and it will provide more jobs for the future if we can grown more fish. The water and sea floor will be cleaner in the sounds.

Sokhom Pich
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Subject	NZ King Salmon Relocation
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To: the Slmon Relocation Advisory Panel

From :Beryl Bowers,Picton Maritime Festival Trust, Chairperson & Trustee

I support the potential salmon relocation process being proposed by MPI because I believe the salmon farm relocation will provide for better environment and economic outcomes.

I understand that by relocating farms from lower water flow sites to higher water flows sites, fish performance will improve and therefore the health of the salmon as well.

Environmentally adopting the Best Management Practice guidelines that were agreed by the Council and community is the future of aquaculture globally.

There will be more direct and indirect jobs created if this proposal goes ahead resulting in economic improvements for the communities in the top of the south.

I would not like the opportunity to be heard by the Advisory Panel.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Beryl Bowers